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KUROPATKIN SEEMS DOOMED

Generally Believed That Russian Commander Must Surrender to Japanese

ST. PETERSBURG KEENLY ANXIOUS

Conflict of Views as to Whether the Decisive Battle is Now Being Fought, Some Critics Holding That the Main Russian Army is Already Out of Reach—Shrewd Critics Say, However, That Kuropatkin Must Stand and Fight—Surprise at Immense Strength of Japanese, Who Are Believed to Number 300,000.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—At last the decisive battle of the campaign seems to be in progress. Having completed his enveloping of the position of the Russian position, General Kuroki has ordered simultaneously an advance from all points against Haicheng and Liao Yang. Fighting is raging on both fronts and still continues. The latest report contains nothing yet confirmatory of the rumors that General Kuropatkin has been defeated. According to Kuropatkin's official dispatches to the Emperor, the battle began for the possession of the important position at Simoucheng, which is located at the juncture of the Feng Wang Yen and Shu Yen roads. Two separate armies were launched from above the roads, while the third, under General Oki, moved up east of the railroad from Tatchekiao, to try to cut off the Russian force there from Heicheng. If the latter move is successful, this force will be crushed. A portion of General Kuroki's army at the same time advanced against General Count Keller's position at Ikhavuen, east of Liao Yang, trying the favorite Japanese plan of outflanking him on the right. Still further north, on the Samitza Liao Yang road, the Japanese moved forward against Hontsaihue, 25 miles from Liao Yang. At all points the Japanese employed artillery to the best advantage.

General Kuropatkin's situation will be desperate in the event of his defeat. The keenest anxiety is felt at the War Office for news of the progress of the battle. The general staff seems utterly dumbfounded at number of men the Japanese possess, and consequently Kuropatkin's statement that they are landing another heavy force at the port of New Chwang adds to the solicitude.

ANXIETY AT ST. PETERSBURG.

Recognized There That Kuropatkin's Situation Will be Desperate in the Event of His Defeat—Force at Simoucheng May be Crushed.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The greatest anxiety prevails here for news of the general advance against the Southern and Eastern portions of General Kuropatkin's army. The public believes that the decisive battle of the campaign is being fought, but this has not yet been established. Indeed, the Associated Press hears from the keenest military attaches in St. Petersburg that for several days the main body of the Russian army has been moving northwards towards Mukden and that if the present line to the southeast is forced the Japanese will find they have crushed only

the shell. Should this prove to be so, General Kuropatkin will doubtless be obliged to destroy the immense quantity of stores accumulated at Liao Yang.

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RUSSIAN PLIGHT SERIOUS.

Their Position Apt to Prove Utterly Desperate—Brilliant Conduct of the Japanese.

London, By Cable.—The correspondent of the London Times, with General Kuroki in the field in a dispatch dated July 31, says:

"This army began a general attack at daylight which lasted until sunset. The Japanese centre took the town, capturing the enemy's northeastern positions.

The left advanced and occupied a position jeopardizing the Russian right. The Japanese right carried the position against superior numbers.

"The Japanese advanced, artillery firing throughout the day, and the infantry finished with a brilliant march under the enemy's shrapnel. I believe the Russian position will be untenable."

Kuropatkin in Rapid Retreat.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—A report from an apparently reliable source late Monday night was to the effect that General Kuropatkin's main force had been rapidly moving north for several days. According to this report, no troops proceeding to the front from Russia had gone past Harbin in the past three days. They will be detained there and every available piece of rolling stock will be rushed southward for the removing of troops at Liao Yang and other points to the northward, leaving a skeleton force to contest the Japanese advance on vital positions.

No Report on Des Moines.

Newport News, Va., Special.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Echo de Paris says that Vice Admiral Besobrazoff entered Port Arthur two weeks ago on the torpedo boat destroyer Lieutenant Burcock, which has since been sunk with all on board except three persons. Admiral Besobrazoff is now commanding the Russian Port Arthur squadron.

Train Held Up Near Chicago.

Chicago, Special.—Robbers Monday night held up an Illinois Central passenger train between Flossmoor and Matteson, about 25 miles from Chicago. Several passengers were robbed and it is said that one person, who resisted, was seriously wounded by the robbers. The bandits, of whom there were five, had revolvers and all were masked. The man who was wounded was struck on the head with an axe. The train was a special bound for St. Louis with excursionists. Patrick O'Keefe, special agent for the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and a posse of detectives are in pursuit.

Minister Leishman Sees the Sultan.

Washington, Special.—Minister Leishman has cabled the State Department from Constantinople that he had a long interview with the Sultan Thursday. No details were given, but it is assumed by the officials here that the interview was satisfactory. He has been trying many months to gain personal access to the Sultan, so that he has made substantial progress.

Hold-up in Central Park.

New York, Special.—Joseph Grays and J. C. Hurley were held up in the Ninety-seventh street travers road, in Central Park, Sunday night, by five masked men. The two men were crossing the park when they were stopped and revolvers leveled at them. The robbers removed a diamond ring from Grays' finger, took his gold watch and chain and \$50 from his purse. The chain was worth \$60 and the watch about \$200. The value of the ring is placed at \$125.

W. M. Langhorne, of Virginia, has been appointed consul at Chungking, China.

NORTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN

Conditions for the Past Week Favorable to Growth.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, North Carolina Section, for the week ending Monday, Aug. 1. The climatic conditions, taken as a whole over the entire State, have been favorable; and this has been the first week for some time, when crop correspondents from all sections report of an ample supply of moisture. The temperature ranged about normal, although there were a few cool days.

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THE PRIMARY PLAN

Adopted By the North Carolina State Democratic Executive Committee

TOWNSHIPS ARE TO BE THE UNITS

A Petition in Writing Asking for a Primary Must Be Presented to the County Executive Committee—Polls Must Be Open for Voting at Least Six Hours and There Must Be Separate Boxes for Legislators, County Officers and Township Executive Committeemen.

The committee, composed of James H. Pou, Francis D. Winston and R. H. Hayes, appointed by State Chairman Simmons, adopted a day last week to propose a resolution for holding primary elections for the nomination of Democratic candidates for county and township officers and members of the Legislature and township executive committees, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the State committee July 26.

It shall be the duty of the committee to prepare and furnish all blanks and forms needed in making returns among any reported challenges and appeals therefrom. It shall have power to provide for raising funds necessary to pay the expenses thereof.

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"LAWLESSNESS WALKED THE STATE LIKE A PESTILENCE."

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HOW STAND THEY ARE TO-DAY GOVERNOR? HAVEN'T THE ACTS OF THREE RED SHIRT LEGISLATURES AND MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF YOUR OWN BENEFICENT RULE PASSED INTO HISTORY SINCE YOU PROCLAIMED THE FOREGOING? WHEN YOU ARE CAVORTING OVER THE STATE WHOOPING FOR EDUCATION AND ROADS DON'T YOU HEAR OF MORE CRIMES BEING COMMITTED IN NORTH CAROLINA THAN EVER BEFORE AND DO YOU CONTINUE TO ATTRIBUTE THESE TO FUSION RULE?

TIRIED AND DISGUSTED WITH DEMOCRACY.

The Machine Democrats of Durham County held a primary Saturday to decide on their candidates, however some of the candidates were not decided upon as there were too many pie hunters for some of the offices for any one to receive the required majority. The candidates that were decided upon will find that their paths are not strewn with roses, as there is much dissatisfaction among the Democrats in that county, in other words some of them have just opened their eyes.

The independent democrats will run Ex-Mayor M. E. McCown for Sheriff and Mr. R. P. Hackney, a well known druggist of Durham, for Register of Deeds. Persons for other offices will be decided upon later. Ex-Mayor McCown says he has been a life-long Democrat, but that he is tired and disgusted with the Democracy of the county and State.

The Democratic Convention at Greensboro endorsed the Watt's Law. The Watt's Law prohibits the manufacture or sale of liquor in the rural districts, yet the same legislature that passed this law also passed an act incorporating part of Glenn Williams' farm and his whiskey distillery in the country, so he could operate his "Hell Kettle" and continue to make democratic whiskey at the same old stand. It will be remembered that Glenn Williams was a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee, so of course no law, even though it be a prohibition law, must interfere with his business. It's a case of equal rights to none but special privileges to some. We almost forgot to add that the Convention at Greensboro did not denounce the last legislature for incorporating this distillery at Williams, at the same time they endorsed the Watt's Law.

Mr. Henry Gassaway Davis, the democratic candidate for Vice President, was a "Unionist" during the civil war and some of the independent papers of the south can't understand how a southern soldier, even though he has been a life long democrat, can vote for Davis this fall. It might also seem strange to see the democrats, who claim they love the old soldier so much, vote for this "Unionist." But when we remember that the southern democrats voted for Horace Greeley, who was one of the greatest "abolitionists" in the North, we then cease to wonder.

Gov. Aycock will now receive bids for lease of the A. & N. C. Road. It is presumed that the party who leases the road will of course promise to keep the present democratic officials in office. From certain view points it would be better not to lease the road at all than to turn democratic officials out of office.

ROOSEVELT, PARKER AND THE TRUTHS.

The trusts are fighting President Roosevelt. They are against him because he has the courage and the honesty to stand by his oath of office as President. He is simply enforcing the law against trusts and combinations that rob the people. This law was passed by a Republican congress, but a Democratic President (Cleveland) failed to enforce the law, as he was sworn to do.

President Roosevelt is simply enforcing the law which Cleveland refused to enforce.

Judge Parker evidently made a deal with the trusts in which he agreed not to enforce the law if he was elected. This is no doubt the reason why the trusts are supporting Parker and fighting Roosevelt. Which one does the free American citizen who does not own a trust want for President of the United States?

THIS TAKES THE CAKE.

The most comical thing that we have ever seen, is the attitude of the Charlotte Observer and certain other Democratic papers since the nomination of Judge Parker. They are making appeals to a certain class of independent Democratic and Republican voters to vote for Parker on the ground, that no matter if Parker is elected President, and if a Democratic House should be elected with him, that yet the Senate would still be safely Republican and therefore no harm could be done.

As a political argument, this takes the cake.

Each day it grows plainer and plainer that Judge Parker's "courageous" telegram was the climax of a shrewd political scheme which was long ago hatched by Hill, Belmont and Wall Street. They knew that they could not nominate Parker if he should come out openly and declare he was a gold bug and a trust candidate. And they knew they could not get big campaign funds unless they would mortgage their candidates, so they sold their party to the trusts and then played a trick on the convention which made it powerless to break up the deal.

The Chatham Citizen says that 124 white men in that county are disfranchised this year by democratic laws. Didn't the Democrats promise the voters in 1900 that they would never disfranchise a single white man in North Carolina? Now will the voters of the state put this same crowd back in office on a platform of broken promises? If they do they may soon expect the property qualification which will disfranchise several thousand more white men in this state.

The Mecklenburg Camp, Confederate Veterans, have been sent an official notice for the Veterans to go in a body to Sharon Aug. 10th to hear Bob Glenn. After turning down an old Confederate Veteran for Governor, the democrats now expect the Veterans to hurrah and vote for Glenn. If Glenn ever heard a gun fire we suppose it was in the red shirt campaign that he helped to wage in 1900.

"They have told us all about Judge Parker's swim every morning, but have not yet explained what kind of a spring-board he uses to dive into the water and turn a somersault. The matter is not complete until this is divulged," Greensboro Record.

And while they are about it might also tell us if he has to use gourds to swim.

Mr. Josephus Daniels has seen Judge Parker and in some mysterious way has discovered that the Judge will be elected this fall. Now if some Republican can be found with as imaginative a mind as Mr. Daniels he could give just as good reasons why the Republicans will carry South Carolina this fall.

The Union Republican states that 13 democrats are advertising for jobs in Forsyth county. That's pretty good, but the last issue of the Tarboro Southerner contained 20 advertisements from democrats begging for jobs in Edgecombe county.

Everybody is guessing that Tom Taggart will capture Indiana for Judge Parker.—Raleigh Post.

Yes, but when these people look upon the Fairbanks of Indiana they will have another guess due them.

Within the past week we have read of more crimes being committed in North Carolina, than was ever committed in any one month under Fusion rule, unless it was when the red-shirts were reigning ex-officio, in 1898 and 1900. And still this is called an era of "democratic good government."

THAT TELEGRAPHIC PLANK

WAS IT HEROISM OR POLITICS?

A Citizen Who is a Seeker After Truth Discusses the St. Louis Convention Incident—He Thinks the "Silent Candidate" Should Have Declared Himself Before the Convention Met—Judge Parker Needs a Platform Embodying His Views, or the Party Needs a Candidate to Fit Its Platform.

To the Editor of The Charlotte Observer:

"I am looking for the truth and not for 'pie.' In the matters Political I am a student rather than a 'pie-hunter.' Time was when I followed the plow for the fiddler. The years behind me taught me the folly of the mad chase. I may own, too, that when younger the enthusiasm of youth looked not for truth outside of partisan lore. The soberness which comes with the strongly-shifting relations of life's experience enables one as he grows older and steadier to read and interpret more clearly and more fairly the acts of the fellow-man of whatsoever creed or faith. At your feet, Mr. Editor, I have sat every week for twenty-five long years and with the pride of personal attachment I have watched and studied you as you have grown older, better, fairer, broader and wiser. I am now at that point in life—private and political—when it gives me little concern whether you or your readers agree with me in my interpretations of the spectacular climax of the St. Louis convention. This much purely by way of preface, that I may be acquitted of any motive other than that of invoking the white light of truth upon a transaction which is to take its place in history under a cloud of mystery and suspicion.

Let me recall the details or facts in its development. Months ago, Hon. Alton Brooks Parker took his place a full length ahead of all competitors in the race for the presidential nomination. Day after day and week after week the columns of the daily and weekly press teemed with the discussion of his personality, his availability, his views, his convictions and his record both private and public. County after county, district after district and State after State dropped into the Parker column with ringing declarations upon the money and other questions of the hour. Meantime some of the leaders of public thought inside of his party naturally became anxious to learn and to know his views and his convictions, if any he had, upon the more vital issue of the approaching campaign, and, in the meantime, many of the leading newspapers of the country began to suggest and to demand that it was only fair to the people that the silent man of Esopus should let them know whether he was a silverite or a gold bug.

THE CANDIDATE SILENT.

Falling to evoke any response from the silent candidate, an effort was made by the press of the country to induce his sponsor, Mr. David Bennett Hill, to vouch for him. The Democracy of the Empire State in convention assembled, spoke and the country still hesitated to accept its utterances as the authorized views of its daily accredited standard-bearer, Mr. Bryan, the great Nebraska man, who had twice led the Democratic hosts through stupendous struggles assailed him through the columns of The Commoner and on the platform in his own State for lack of candor and want of courage. Mr. Hearst was marshalling his forces and capturing conventions by the ringing enunciation of his own views upon the paramount question of the hour.

On every editorial page from Portland to Frisco the defeat of Judge Parker by a combination of the Bryan and Hearst forces was a leading tonic. The possibility of this combination was the nightmare which gave the Parker managers more than one sleepless night. In this confusion, under this cloud of uncertainty, under these threatening circumstances, in utter darkness as to how or where Judge Parker stood on the delicate and vital questions confronting it, the St. Louis convention assembled in due and solemn form. In due time and in the orderly course of its proceedings the committee on resolutions (or platform) was appointed. Its work began. It is fair to assume that the wire between St. Louis and Esopus was kept hot whilst this committee was for many long hours in the throes of a hot and hard contest. At last its work was completed and was known at Esopus before the convention had digested the first plank. In the face of this and with a knowledge of this the hero of Esopus permits Mr. Littleton to ask for his nomination upon this platform. To have spoken then—to have submitted then by wire his gold plank—would have meant or might have meant the threatened consolidation of the Bryan and Hearst forces. It was the play of a politician to keep quiet then but was it the part of a statesman—a hero?

POLITICIAN OR HERO?

The play proceeds. The courageous New Yorker is nominated. The Bryan and Hearst cohorts are demoralized by the unanimity and enthusiasm. When this is done and the last shadow of the possibility of danger or opposition is removed then the wire flashes with "the master stroke." When it is too late for the convention to reverse itself

—when it is too late to name another man and when all is safe, the burning wire brings the startling message that the Democratic nominee is even a more rank and emphatic gold bug than the Old Sheriff, and that if this isn't agreeable the convention can trot out another horse. It requires no courage for a candidate to say what he wishes to his party after a nomination, but the hero is he who is seeking a nomination in a hot race with worthy competitors and in the face of dangerous opposition when live and two-sided issues are dividing his own party can rise to the occasion in advance of a convention and declare to his party, to the country and to the world his convictions upon such issues. The courage of your hero is tested by the grit demanded and shown in the race and not by the laurel displayed at the end of the game. Your hero forges his way in the white heat of battle to the front of the firing-line and reserves not his powder till the enemy is routed. When Bryan and Hearst are routed and their demoralized forces are driven under cover the Hudson plunger assumes command and fires in the air. It is neither the province nor the purpose of this article to deny that Judge Parker is a statesman and a hero, but the irreversible verdict of history for all time will be that "the telegraphic plank" with which he supplements the St. Louis platform does not prove it. Call it good politics of the Hill and Sheehan flavor if you will, but truth forbids the label of statesmanship. The sober, second thought of the American people approves the telegraphic plank, but discredits the party which had not the moral courage to adopt it. If Judge Parker is really a hero he must be lonely. Is it not true, Mr. Editor, that either Judge Parker needs a party with a platform in accord with his views or the party needs a candidate whose views are in accord with its platform. But be that as it may, the truth of history will duly define the distinctions between the hero and the politician.

S. B. SHAW.

Greensboro, July 17.

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